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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed July 5, 2000, time for response to which was set to expire October 5, 2000. The response date has been extended until January 5, 2001 by the enclosed petition and deposit account authorization.

The pending claims, claims 1-4 and 6-9 have been rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.